

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST  
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 4/30/2021

DOCKET #:

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Sharon Neal  
Office: Member of School Board, District 7, City of Monroe  
Parish: OUACHITA  
Election Date: 11/6/2018  
Level of Office: Any

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 40-G  
Original Due Date: 1/17/2019  
Date Filed: 1/28/2019  
Activity Receipts: \$1,775.00  
Expenditures: \$2,290.27  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$1,251.73

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$440  
Days Late: 11  
Late Fee Order Received: 10/16/2020  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/5/2020  
Waiver Request Received: 11/5/2020  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial - ATTACHED
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request submitted by the candidate states that she is currently experiencing financial hardships due to Covid19 and the busy 2020 hurricane season.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: Yes  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: NO  
Prior Late Fees: Yes  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

November 5, 2020

To the Attention of Louisiana Board of Ethics;

I am writing because i am currently experiencing financial hardship, due to recovering from COVID 19 and the busy 2020 hurricanes season.

I would like to request to the board of ethics to suspend my late fee of \$440 for the November 6, 2020 election.

I am in deep Gratitude for your understanding during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Sharon New  
210 Grayling Lane  
Monroe, LA. 71202  
318-372-8152

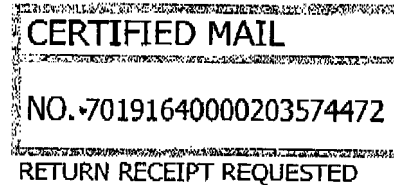
ATTENTION: Melissa Horn



STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE  
**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**  
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September 25, 2020

Ms. Sharon Neal  
210 Grayling Ln.  
Monroe, LA 71202-3114



RE: Late fee assessment for the November 6, 2018 Election  
40-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 11 days late

Dear Ms. Neal:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$440 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

*You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.*

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

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November 23, 2020

Ms. Sharon Neal  
210 Grayling Ln.  
Monroe, LA 71202-3114

**RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2020**

Dear Ms. Neal:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the November 6, 2018 election. The request stated that you are currently experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 and the busy hurricane season. If you would like the Board to consider your financial situation, you must provide documentation verifying your claim. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the above address. Also, include most recent W-2s or tax return. The information you provide will not be available to the public and only reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **December 30, 2020.**

Sincerely,

**Melissa Horn**